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THE ELECTIONS IN THE SOUTH

The Virginia election and the impending contests in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Texas have aroused an unusual degree of attention. The Democracy was so thoroughly routed in the last Presidential campaign that politics had lost the zest produced by an earnest and doubtful struggle, and the Republicans were reposing in the confident belief that their supremacy could not be seriously questioned.

We are not sufficiently familiar with the details of Virginia politics to know whether he or his Republican enemies are most to blame, but certain it is that he was bitterly antagonized originally, and their opposition did not cease with the action of the convention. If the Democrats had followed their usual policy of supporting an avowed adherent of their organization, the Republican dissensions might have been speedily healed.

This humiliating example is being followed by the Democracy in other Southern States. In Tennessee, as in Virginia, they do not venture to nominate a candidate of their own. The contest is between Stokes and Senter, two avowed Republicans, who each number white and black members of the Republican party among their adherents.

In Mississippi the conservatives and the Democracy have nominated as their gubernatorial candidate Judge Dent, who is the brother-in-law of General Grant.

All these movements seem to be inspired by the conviction that an open struggle for the success of Democratic candidates is hopeless, and that the only remaining resource of that organization, in the States named, is to render aid to one of the wings of Republicanism, in the hope that incidental advantages may be derived from this policy.

It is a part of this movement to deceive the negroes on the one hand, and to force them into the conservative ranks by proscription on the other. They are invited to vote for such men as Walker, Senter, and Hamilton, on the ground that they were early and consistent champions of colored suffrage; and when persuasion fails, they are threatened with a discharge from their present industrial positions.

No pains are spared to distort the issues involved, and the arrogant slaveholders are ready to stoop to any means, however disgraceful, that will enable them to deceive or control the new negro voters. Such victories are of doubtful value; and the Democracy of the North will have little cause for boasting, if Walker's election in Virginia is to be followed by the triumph of Senter in Tennessee, Dent in Mississippi, and Hamilton in Texas.

Northern Republicans may regret that the party which has so recently been organized in the South can be so easily divided, and fear that these divisions are the precursors of future defeats. But the concessions which the Democracy are forced to make should not be forgotten, and their departure from their ancient landmarks can scarcely fail to demoralize their own organization.

Reconstruction is at best a bitter pill for Rebel throats to swallow, and if they find means for sugar-coating it which are not absolutely dangerous or illegal, this consolation should not be denied them.

THE MASSACHUSETTS LIQUOR LAW

In several of the New England States attempts have been made at various times to check the spread of intemperance by prohibitory liquor laws of the most stringent character. Notwithstanding the moral as well as legal influences brought to bear by the advocates of

total abstinence, their efforts have not been crowned with success, and the liquor drinkers and sellers have always managed to practically keep the upper hand. The Maine Liquor law was a total failure for all practical purposes, as all similar measures have been. Notwithstanding this fact, the friends of the temperance cause have not allowed themselves to despair, but in Massachusetts particularly they have carried on a vigorous war against dram-drinking and selling. At the last session of the Legislature they procured the enactment of a law of unusual stringency, which it was hoped would have the desired effect of reducing the liquor traffic.

The fact of the matter is, that neither in Massachusetts nor anywhere else can a law like this be made to operate. Most men who are not drunkards will admit that, in view of the evils resulting from the abuse of intoxicating liquors, there ought to be some supervision of their sale by the legal authorities; but experience has amply shown that the most the law can do is to aid the cause of moral reform, and not to force it. Such is the perversity of human nature, that men who would freely give their influence to the temperance cause will oppose it when it appeals to the law to do what it is unable to accomplish by persuasion.

THE ADMINISTRATION AND CUBA

The Cuban revolution has afforded our Government an excellent opportunity to demonstrate its ideas of international law and duty; and while it will strengthen our position towards England with regard to the Alabama claims, it will also clearly show the advantages of pursuing the only correct and statesmanlike policy under such circumstances. The prompt and efficient manner in which the Government has checked the Cuban filibusters will meet with the cordial endorsement of all of our citizens who are not carried away by their passions and prejudices.

Their position is identical with that of the American Colonies when they refused any longer to submit to the authority of Great Britain, only that the Cubans have more perhaps to complain of in the way of misgovernment and the petty tyranny of Spanish officials, than our forefathers had from the British Government.

Thus far, however, the Cubans, while they appear to hold their own, have not succeeded in their object of establishing a permanent government or expelling the Spaniards to such an extent that the United States can consistently and properly recognize them; and until they do this, any other course than that adopted by the administration would be setting a precedent that might be a fruitful source of annoyance to us in the future.

There is no doubt that President Grant and his Cabinet are fully in accord with the nation at large in sympathizing most heartily with the efforts of the Cubans to gain their independence; and in view of unanimity of feeling in the matter, his determination to have the laws strictly enforced is a praiseworthy indication that he is adhering to the line of duty which he marked out for himself in his inaugural address.

ANNEXATION OF SAN DOMINGO

There is a rumor that measures are being taken to annex the island of San Domingo to the United States, and that responsible persons representing the government of the island have recently been in Washington to secure the aid of the administration. The United States ought to have possession of one of the large West India islands as a naval station, and to enable us to command the Gulf of Mexico. For this purpose San Domingo would be more suitable even than Cuba; and if we can get it without trouble or expense, and with the consent of its people, there is no reason why we should not take it.

IMMIGRATION

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Table showing immigration statistics by nationality: English, Irish, British, German, Italian, Spanish, etc.

THE ARREST MAGAZINE

From Turner Brothers & Co. we have received the August number of Turner's Magazine, which has the following table of contents: "A Martyr to Science," author of "Still Life in Paris"; "Enticed," "More Light," Professor Schele de Vere; "Yes," Julian Hawthorne; "Old Time Minister and Parish," Mrs. M. W. Lawrence; "The Usurper," Julian Hawthorne; "Ascent of the Monte Rosa," J. M. Hart; "Lavinia—Her Progress"—I, Caroline Chesbro; "Mauritius," W. R. G. Melien; "A French Soldier at Inkermann," Mrs. Theo. S. Fay; "Old Times in Virginia," and a Few Parables, W. C. Egan; "To-Day"—A Romance, Part Second, R. C. Kimball; "The Defects of Women, and How to Remedy Them," Frances Power Cobbe; "Among Thieves," N. S. Dodge; "Fine Arts of Society"—II, Conversation, Lucy Fountain; "Henry J. Raymond—Journalism," H. T. Tuckerman; "The Boston Jubilee," "Anchored" (7 of Binghampton); "The Prince's Bidder"; "Monthly Chronicle—Current Events," F. B. Perkins; "Literature, Art and Science Abroad," Edward Taylor; "Literature—At Home," R. H. Stoddard; "Table-Talk," Clarence Cook; "Editorial Notes."

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